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DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH LIBYA

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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A REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO LIBYA THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12543 OF JANUARY 7, 1986, PURSUANT TO 50 U.S.C. 1703(c)



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THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, January 13, 1998.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby report to the Congress on the developments since my last report of June 26, 1997, concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 12543 of January 7, 1986. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); and section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa–9(c).

1. On January 2, 1998, I renewed for another year the national emergency with respect to Libya pursuant to IEEPA. This renewal extended the current comprehensive financial and trade embargo against Libya in effect since 1986. Under these sanctions, virtually all trade with Libya is prohibited, and all assets owned or controlled by the Libyan government in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked.

2. There have been two amendments to the Libyan Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 550 (the "LSR" or the "Regulations"), administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the Department of the Treasury, since my report of June 26, 1997. The Regulations were amended on August 25, 1997. General reporting, record-keeping, licensing, and other procedural regulations were moved from the Regulations to a separate part (31 C.F.R. Part 501) dealing solely with such procedural matters (62 Fed. Reg. 45098, August 25, 1997). A copy of the amendment is attached.

On September 15, 1997, the Regulations were amended to add to

On September 15, 1997, the Regulations were amended to add to appendices A and B to 31 C.F.R. chapter V the name of one entity and one individual who have been determined to act for or on behalf of, or to be owned or controlled by, the Government of Libya (62 Fed. Reg. 48177, September 15, 1997). A copy of the amendment is attached.

3. During the reporting period, OFAC reviewed numerous applications for licenses to authorize transactions under the Regulations. Consistent with OFAC's ongoing scrutiny of banking transactions, the largest category of license approvals (32) concerned requests by non-Libyan persons or entities to unblock transfers interdicted because of what appeared to be Government of Libya interests. Five licenses authorized the provision of legal services to the Government of Libya in connection with actions in U.S. courts in which the Government of Libya was named as defendant. Licenses were also issued authorizing diplomatic and U.S. government transactions, and to permit U.S. companies to engage in trans-

actions with respect to intellectual property protection in Libya. A

total of 49 licenses was issued during the reporting period.

4. During the current 6-month period, OFAC continued to emphasize to the international banking community in the United States the importance of identifying and blocking payments made by or on behalf of Libya. The OFAC worked closely with the banks to assure the effectiveness of interdiction software systems used to identify such payments. During the reporting period, more than 70 transactions potentially involving Libya, totaling more than \$4.4 million, were interdicted. As of November 10, 1997, 8 transactions had been authorized for release, leaving a net amount of more than \$4.3 million blocked for the period.

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5. Since my last report, OFAC collected 7 civil monetary penalties totaling more than \$77,000 for violations of the U.S. sanctions against Libya. Five of the violations involved the failure of banks to block funds transfers or loan syndication payments to Libyan-owned or -controlled financial institutions or commercial entities in Libya. One U.S. corporation and one law firm paid OFAC penalties for export and payment to the Government of Libya violations, respectively. Fifty-five other cases are in active penalty proc-

essing.

Various enforcement actions carried over from previous reporting periods have continued to be aggressively pursued. On June 26, 1997, a Federal grand jury for the Middle District of Florida returned an indictment charging a St. Petersburg, Florida man with one count of conspiring to violate IEEPA and the Libyan Sanctions Regulations, two counts of dealing in property in which the Government of Libya has an interest, one count of purchasing goods (airline tickets) for export from Libya, and one count for transactions to evade and avoid the prohibitions of the LSR. The defendant remains a fugitive and warrants have been issued for his arrest. Numerous investigations are ongoing and new reports of violations are being scrutinized.

6. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from July 7, 1997, through January 6, 1998, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of the Libyan national emergency are estimated at approximately \$620,000.00. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the Office of the General Counsel, and the U.S. Customs Service), the Department of State, and the

Department of Commerce.

7. The policies and actions of the Government of Libya continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. In adopting UNSCR 883 in November 1993, the United Nations Security Council determined that the continued failure of the Government of Libya to demonstrate by concrete actions its renunciation of terrorism, and in particular its continued failure to respond fully and effectively to the requests and decisions of the Security Council in resolutions 731 and 748, concerning the bombing of the Pan Am 103 and UTA 772 flights, constituted a threat to international peace and security. The United States will continue to coordinate its comprehensive sanctions enforcement efforts with those of other U.N. member

states. We remain determined to ensure that the perpetrators of the terrorist acts against Pan Am 103 and UTA 772 are brought to justice. The families of the victims in the murderous Lockerbie bombing and other acts of Libyan terrorism deserve nothing less. I shall continue to exercise the powers at my disposal to apply economic sanctions against Libya fully and effectively, so long as those measures are appropriate, and will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments as required by law. Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Parts 500, 501, 505, 515, 535, 536, 550, 560, 575, 585, 590, 595, and 596

Reporting and Procedures Regulations: Consolidation of information Collections; Annual Reports on Blocked Assets and Retained Transfers; Reports on Retained Transfers; Reports on Rejected Transfers; Reports on Litigation; Procedure for Releasing Funds Believed to Have Been Blocked Due to Mistaken Identity; Procedure For Removal From the Lists of Blocked Persons and Vessels

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury. ACTION: Final rule; amendments.

SUMMANY: The Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is issuing the Reporting and Procedures Regulations. This new part simplifies—by consolidating and standardizing in a single part—common provisions on collections of information in existing OFAC regulations. Those collections are eliminated from the individual parts of 31 CFR chapter V. This final rule includes an initial and annual requirement to report on blocked assets requirement to report on blocked assets or retained funds transfers—as well as periodic reports on funds transfers rejected by U.S. financial institutions rejected by U.S. financial institutions— for administrative and foreign policy formulation purposes. The rule also requires reports on U.S. litigation and other dispute resolution proceedings where the proceedings may affect blocked assets or funds retained by banks that have stopped violative transfers. In addition, new procedures are set forth for persons seeking the unblocking of funds they believe have been blocked due to mistaken identity, or seeking administrative review of the or seeking administrative review of the designation or that of a vessel as blocked. Finally, the reporting requirements and licensing and other procedures of the new part are made applicable to transactions that have become subject to economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration are delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control. The final rule also makes conforming amendments and technical corrections to the various parts of 31 CFR chapter

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 1997. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Wood, Chief, Compliance Programs Division (tel.: 202/622-2490); or William B. Hoffman, Chief Counsel (tel.: 202/622–2410), Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Control, Department of Washington, DC 20220.

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Background

The Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is adding a new part 501 to 31 CFR chapter V ("chapter V"), consolidating and standardizing generations and ligenese. consolidating and standardizing ge information collections and licens application and other procedures currently authorized under the currently authorized under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PPRA") and contained in the Foreign Assets Control Regulations (part 500), Regulations Prohibiting Transactions Involving the Shipment of Certain Merchandise Between Foreign Countrie (part 505), Cuban Assets Control Regulations (part 515), Iranian Assets Control Regulations (part 535), Narcotics Trafficking Sanctions Regulations (part 536), Libyan Sanction Regulations (part 536), Iranian Transactions Regulations (part 560), Iranian Transactions Regulations (part 557), Iranian Sanctions Regulations (part 557), Iranian Transactions Regulations (part 557), Iranian Sanctions Regulations (part 575),

Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) and Bonnian Serb-Controlled Areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina Sanctions Regulations (part 585), Unita (Angola) Sanctions Regulations (part 590), Terrorism Sanctions Regulations (part 595), and Terrorism List Governments 595), and Terrorism List Governments Searctions Regulations (part 596). Part 501 also makes these information collections and licensing and other procedures applicable to transactions that have become subject to economic test have become surject to economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration are delegated to OFAC, but for which implementing regulations have not yet been issued. This is intended to provide standardized procedures for requesting licenses and other actions, as well as common recordkeeping and reporting requirements, that will be familiar to the common recorderping and reporting requirements, that will be familiar to the public and immediately evaluable upon the imposition of future senctions programs delegated to OFAC for implementation.

Section 501.601 consolidates OFAC recording to programs and the public programs of the public programs of the public programs are programments and the public programments and the public

Section 501.601 consolidates OFAC recordisesping requirements and standardizes record retention periods at 5 years from the date of a transaction subject to the prohibitions in chapter V and 5 years from the date properts blocked or retained (see § 568.504(b) of part 596) under chapter V is unblocked or released. Section 501.602 consolidates provisions requiring reports at OFAC's demand concerning transactions or property subject to the symbilitions in chapter V. These reports at OFAC's demand concerning transactions or property subject to the prohibitions in chapter V. These provisions were previously found in subpart F of the individual perts of chapter V. chapter V.
New § 501.603 establishes a

comprehensive reporting system for property blocked pursuant to chapter V or retained pursuant to § 596.504(b) of the Terrorism List Governments the Terrorism List Governments Searctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 596 (the "TLGSR"). Section 501.603 imposes an affirmative obligation to report information regarding such property within 10 days of the date the property is blocked or funds retained.

Reports must thereafter be 61. Reports must thereafter be filed on a cumulative and comprehensive annual besis with respect to blocked property or retained funds. The reporting requirement with respect to blocked property applies to any form of tangible or intangible "property" (as defined in the individual parts contained in chapter V) that is blocked pursuant to chapter V. The first annual report is due on September 30, 1997.

The initial and annual reporting requirement in \$501.803 replaces the

requirement in \$ 501.603 replaces the current requirements contained in subparts E and F of the individual parts of chapter V for registration by any

person, including financial institutions (which term includes the terms person, including financial institutions (which term includes the terms
"banking institution" in parts 500, 515, and 550, "depository institution" in part 515, "domestic bank" in parts 500, 515, 533, and 550, "financial institution" in part 596, "United States depository institution" in part 596, and "U.S. financial institution" in part 596, and "U.S. financial institution" in parts 536, 575, 585, and 595), of blocked property with OFAC and for designating a person to contact for information concerning blocked property. The annual report form (Form TDF 90-22.50) is evailable by calling the fax-on-demand service maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control at 202/822-0077, or by downloading the form from the "OPAC Press Releases and Miscellaneous Documents" file library ("PAC_MISC") located on the Government Printing located on the Government Printing Office's Federal Bulletin Board Online Office's Federal Bullstin Board Online via GPO Access (Internet site: http:// fedbba.access.gop.gov/lbb/ fac_misc.htm). The report form is also added as an appendix to this document, but will not be published in chapter V. OFAC invites and will consider on a case-by-case basis requests to submit the information required in the annual report in alterative formats. The reporting requirements of \$501.603 are necessary to monitor compliance with regulatory requirements, to address issues involving U.S. government and private claims, and to support related private claims, and to support related

private claims, and to support related diplomatic negotiations.

New § 501.604 requires U.S. financial institutions to report funds transfers that are rejected where the funds themselves are not blocked under chapter V, but where the processing of the transfer would nonetheless facilitate an underlying transaction that is prohibited under other provisions contained in er provisions contain chapter V. Examples of instances wherein hands are rejected and this reporting requirement is applicable include funds transfer instructions (1) referencing a blocked vessel in the absence of references to blocked parties or financial institutions, (2) sending funds to a person in Iraq, (3) transferring unlicensed gifts or charitable donations from the Government of Syria or Sudan to a U.S. person, (4) crediting transian accounts on the books of a U.S. financial institution, and (5) making unauthorized transfers from U.S. persons to tran or the Government of chapter V. Examples of instances unautionized transfers from U.S. persons to Iran or the Government of Iran. This reporting requirement is necessary to monitor compliance with regulatory requirements and replaces the current requirement in § 596.603 of the TLGSR that financial institutions report rejected funds transfers pursuant to that section

New § 501.605 requires that parties involved in litigation, arbitration, or

other binding alternative dispute resolution proceedings in the United States on behalf of or against persons whose property is blocked or required to be retained under chapter V—or where the outcome of any proceeding may affect blocked property or retained funds—provide notice of the proceedings to OFAC, as well as copies of certain documents pertaining to the proceedings. They must also notify OFAC of certain judicial or similar actions that may affect blocked property or retained funds, and notify the court or other adjudicatory body of applicable actions that may affect blocked property or retained funds, and notify the court or other adjudicatory body of applicable regulatory restrictions on transfers of blocked property or retained funds. This reporting requirement is necessary to ensure that blocked property or retained funds are not intentionally or inadvertently transferred by judicial or similar action except as authorized by OFAC. This requirement also replaces identical reporting requirements previously contained in specific licenses authorizing payment of attorneys fees by blocked persons from unblocked sources.

New \$501.606 makes these reporting requirements in subpart C of part 301 applicable to transactions subject to economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration.

New \$501.606 makes these reporting requirements in subpart C of part 501 applicable to transactions subject to seconomic searctions programs for which implementation and administration have been delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Sections 501.601–501.605 include most of the material previously contained in subpart H of the individual parts of chapter V governing licensing procedures and procedures relating to administrative decisions; amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts.

Section 501.601 provides procedures for requesting specific licenses for requesting specific licenses for requesting specific licenses for the procedure of the procedure of the procedure of the procedure of the subject to f the individual parts in chapter V, which note the availability of specific licenses for particular categories of transactions but to not setable monitories of transactions but to not setable monitories to the

availability of specific licenses for particular categories of transactions but do not establish requirements for the submission of specific information. Information collection provisions that require production of specified documentation unique to a given general license or statement of licensing splits until location to the control of specific production and the control of specific productions are specific productions. policy will continue to be authorized policy will continue to be authorized separately under the PRA. Examples include statements of licensing policy contained in subpart E of the individual parts in chapter V that require the submission of particular, specified documents and/or information in license applications; quarterly reports by U.S. persons on certain Iran-related oil transections by foreign affiliates

pursuant to § 560.603 of chapter V; and pursuant to \$500.603 of topper V; an censuses of blocked property and clair previously conducted under sanctions programs administered against Cambodis, Vietnam, and Libya. This final rule institutes new

This final rule institutes new administrative procedures in § 501.806 for requesting the unblocking of funds believed to have been blocked due to mistaken identity. New administrative procedures are also set forth in \$501.807 for persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their descriptions about the second control of their descriptions. designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable. Desial of an application for removal from the list of designess subject to the applicable prohibitions of chapter V (see appendices A. B., and C to chapter V) constitutes finel agancy action for purposes of judicial review. These procedures standardizes and codify collections of information for these purposes that were previously made by individual requests for specific licenses. New \$501.808 makes these license application and other procedures in

application and other procedures in subpart D of part 501 applicable to transactions that have become subject transactions that have become subject to economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration are delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control, but for which implementing regulations have not we

regulations have not yet been issued.

This final rule also makes a technical I has have reason makes a technic correction to the civil penalty provisions of each affected sanctions program to note that the Civil Penaltic Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, required amprovement Act of 1996, required adjustments to civil penalties, but did not "amend" the underlying statutes authorizing imposition of those penalties. These changes are made to \$701(a) of parts 500, 515, 535, 550, 560, 575, 585, 590, and 595.

Since this final rule involves a foreign

Since this final rule involves a foreign affairs function, Executive Order 12898 and the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public participation, and delay in effective data are inapplicable. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) does not apply.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Reporting and Procedures
Regulations are being issued without
prior notice and public comment
procedure pursuant to the
Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [44 U.S.C. 3507].

the collections of information contain in the Regulations have been submitte to and approved by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") Management and Budget ("OMB")
pending public comment, and have
been assigned control number 1505—
0184. An agency may not conduct or
sponsor, and a person is not required to
respond to, a collection of information
unless it displays a valid control
number assigned by OMB.
Collections of information previously

authorized are contained in §§ 501.801-501.802 and 501.801-501.805. Section 501.801 relates to the maintenance of records and § 501.802 relates to OFAC records and \$501.002 relates to OFAC demands for information. These provisions were previously contained in subpart Fo the individual parts of chapter V. Sections 501.801-501.805 relate to licensing, decisionmaking, amendment, modification or revocation, rulemakins, and document request amendment, modification or revocal rulemaking, and document request procedures previously set forth in subpart H of the individual parts of

chapter V.

The new collections of information chapter V.

The new collections of information are contained in §\$ 501.803, 501.804.

S01.805, 301.806, and \$01.807. Section \$01.803 imposes reporting requirements pertaining to blocked assets and retained funds transfers. This information is required by OFAC to monitor compliance with regulatory requirements, to support diplomatic negotiations concerning the targets of sanctions, and to support settlement negotiations addressing U.S. claims. Section 501.604 requires the filing of reports for compliance surposes by U.S. financial institutions where a funds transfer is not required to be blocked but is rejected because the underlying transaction is otherwise prohibited. Section 501.605 requires reporting of information pertaining to litigation, arbitration, and other binding alternative dispute resolution proceedings in the United States to alternative dispute resolution proceedings in the United States to revent the intentional or inadv prevent the intentional or madvertent transfer through such proceedings of blocked property or retained funds. Section 501.806 sets forth the procedures to be followed by a person seeking to have funds released at a financial institution if the person believes that the funds were blocked due to mistaken identity. Section 501.807 sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons a eking administrative reconsideration of their designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the

designation are no longer applicable.
The likely respondents and recordkeepers affected by the information collections contained in part 501 are financial institutions.

business organizations, and legal representatives.
The estimated total annual reporting and/or recordkeeping burden: 10,000 hours. The estimated annual burden per respondent/record keeper varies from thirty minutes to 10 hours, depending on individual circumstances, with a

respondent/record keeper varies from thirty minutes to 10 hours, depending on individual circumstances, with an estimated average of 1.25 hours.

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Estimated aumber of respondents and/ or record keepers 8,000. Estimated annual frequency of responses: 1-12.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether these new or restated collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency; estimate of the burden of the collections of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information

on responsement, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Comments concerning the above information, the accuracy of estimated average annual burden, and suggestions for reducing this burden should be directed to DMB, Paperwork Reduction Project, control number 1505–0184, Washington, DC 20503, with a copy to the Office of Foreign Austest Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW—Annex, Washington, D.C. 20220. Any such comments should be submitted not later than October 24, 1997. Comments on comments should be submitted not last than October 24, 1997. Comments on espects of this final rule other than those involving collections of information subject to the PRA should not be sent to OMB.

List of Subjects

31 CFR Part 500

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of assets, Cambodia, Exports, Finance, Foreign claims, Foreign investment in the United States, Foreign trade, Imports, Information and informational materials, International organizations, North Kores, Penalties, Publications, Paparatica and propulsessing. North Korea, Penalties, Publications, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities, Services, Specially designated nationals, Terrorism, Travel restrictions, Trusts and estates, Vietnam.

31 CFR Port 501

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of

ets, Foreign trade, Reporting and ordkeeping requirements

31 CFR Part 505

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, COCOM, Communist countries, Exports, Finance, Foreign trade, Penalties, Reporting and recordiseping requirements.

31 CFR Part 515

Administrative practice and procedure, Air carriere, Banks, banking, Blocking of assets, Cuba, Currency, Estates, Exports, Foreign investment in the United States, Foreign trade, imports, Informational materials, Penaltice, Publications, Reporting and recordizeping requirements, Securities, Shipping, Specially designated mationals, Travel restrictions, Trusts and trustees, Vessels.

31 CFR Part 535

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of assets, Currency, Foreign investment in the United States, Iran, Penalties, Reporting and recordiscaping requirements, Securities, Terrorism.

31 CFR Part 536

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, benking, Blocking of seasets, Narcotics trafficking, Penalties, Reporting and recordisepting requirements, Specially designated narcotics traffickers, Transfer of assets.

31 CFR Part 550

31 CFR Part 550
Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of assets, Exports, Foreign investment, Foreign trade, Covernment of Libya, Imports, Libya, Loans, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities, Services, Specially designated nationals.
Terrorism, Travel restrictions.

31 CFR Part 560

Administrative practice and procedure. Agriculture commodities, Banks, banking, Exports, Foreign trade, Imports, Information, Invastments, Iran, Loans, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Services, Specially designated nationals, Terrorism, Transportation.

31 CFR Part 575

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of assets, Exports, Frorign trade, Humanitarian aid, Imports, Ireq, Oil imports, Penalities, Petroleum, Petroleum products, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Spacially designated nationals, Terrorism, Travel restrictions.

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of essets, Bosnies Serbe, Exports, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), Foreign trade, Imports, March 1988 Montenegrol, Foreign trade, imports, Intellectual property, Loans, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Securities, Services, Shipping, Telecommunications, Transfer of essets, Vessels.

31 CFR Part 590

Administrative practice and procedure, Angola, Exports, Foreign trade, National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, Pénalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Shipping, UNITA, Vassels.

31 CFR Part 595

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of assets, Penalities, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Specially designated terrorists, Terrorism, Transfer of assets.

31 CFR Part 596

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Cuba, Pecalties, Iran, Iraq, Libys, North Korea, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sudan, Syria, Terrorism, Transfer of assets.

For the reasons set forth in the reamble, 31 CFR chapter V is amended preamble, as follows:

PART 500—FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 500 is revised to med as follows:

Awtherity: 18 U.S.C. 232d; 31 U.S.C. 232d); 50 U.S.C. App. 1—41 Pub. L. 101—410, 104 Sat. 809 (28 U.S.C. 240 note); E.O. 9193, 7 FR 5205, 3 CFR, 1938—1943 Comp., p. 174; E.O. 9699, 13 FR 4891, 3 CFR, 1943—1948 Comp., p. 748.

1s. The heading of subpart A is revised to read as follows:

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

2. Section 500.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph
(a) to read as follows:

§ 500.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

(e) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 50! of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and license

application and other procedures of which apply to this part. * * *

Subpart B--Prohibition

3. Section 500.201 is amended by dding new paragraph (e) to read as

§ 500.201 Transactions involving designated foreign countries or their nationals; effective date.

(e) When a transaction results in the blocking of funds at a banking institution pursuant to this section and a party to the transaction believes the funds have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuan to the administrative procedures set forth in § 501.806 of this chapter.

Subport C-General Definitions

The note at the end of § 500.306 is amended by adding a sentence to the end of the note to read as follows:

§ 500.306 Specially designated national.

Note to \$500.30e; " Section 501.807 of this chapter sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable.

Subpart E-Licenses, Authorization and Statements of Licensing Policy

5. Section 500.508 is amended by removing paragraph (f) and by adding a note to the end of the section to read as

§ 500.508 Payments to blocked account domestic banks.

Note to \$ 500.508: Please refer to \$ 501.803 of this chapter for mandatory reporting requirements regarding financial transfers.

6. Subpart F is revised to read as follows:

Subpart F.-Reports

§ 500.601 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this chapter.

Subpart G—Penalties

\$500.701 [Amended]

7. Section 500.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and adding in their place the words "as adjusted by".

Subpart H-Procedum

8. Section 500.801 is revised to read

\$ 500.801 Proce

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this

§§ 500.802—500.806 and 500.809 [Removed]

8a. Sections 500.802 through 500.806

§§ 500.807 and 500.808 [Re §§ 500.802 and 500.803]

8b. Sections 500.807 and 500 808 redesignated as §§ 500.802 and 500.803, respectively.

9. Section 500.901 is revised to read as follows:

§ 508.901 Pap

For approval by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating to information collections relating to recordkeeping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or spousor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

10. Part 501 is added to read as follows:

PART 501—REPORTING AND PROCEDURES REGULATIONS

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Parts in This Chapter

501.101 Relation of this part to other parts in this chapter.

Subpart B—Definitions 501.301 Definitions

Subport C-Reports

501.601 Records and recordkeeping

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- \$61.801 Licensing.
- 501.802 Decisions. 501.803 Amendment, modification, or
- revocation. 501.804 Rulemaking. 501.805 Rules governing availability of
- information.

 501.805 Procedures for unblocking funds believed to have been blocked due to mistaken identity.

 501.807 Procedures governing removal of names from appendices A, B, and C to this charter.
- names from appendication and other procedures application and other procedures applicable to economic searctions programs.

501.901 Paperwork Reduction Act notice Authority: 22 U.S.C. 287c; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50 U.S.C. 1701-1706; 50 U.S.C. App.

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Parts in This Chapter

Other Parts in This Chapter

\$501.101 Relation of this part to other
perts in this chapter.

This part sets forth standard reporting
and recordkeeping requirements and
license application and other
procedures governing transactions
regulated pursuant to other parts
codified in this chapter, as well as to
economic sanctions programs for which
implementation and administration are
delegated to the Office of Poreign Assets
Control. Substantive prohibitions and
policies particular to each economic
sanctions programs are not contained in policies particular to each economic sanctions program are not contained in this part but are set forth in the particular part of this chepter dedicated to that program, or, in the case of economic sanctions programs not yet implemented in regulations, in the applicable executive order or other authority. License application procedures and reporting requirements set forth in this part govern transactions undertaken pursuant to general or specific licenses, the criteris for which are set forth in subpart E of the specific licenses, the criteria for are set forth in subpart E of the individual parts in this chapter.

Statements of licensing policy contain in subpart E of the individual parts in this chapter, however, may contain additional information collection provisions that require production of specified documentation unique to a given general license or statement of licensing policy.

Subpart B—Definitions

6501,301 Definitions.

Definitions of terms used in this part are found in subpart C of the part within

this chapter applicable to the relevant application, record, report, procedure this chapter applicable to the retevant application, record, report, procedure or transaction. In the case of eronomic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration are delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control but for which regulations have not yet been issued, the definitions of in this part are governed by itions contained in the definitions contained in the implementing statute or Executive order.

Subpart C-Reports

\$501,601 Records and recordingsing

requirements.

Except as otherwise provided, every person engaging in any transaction subject to the provisions of this chapter shall keep a full and accurate record of each such transaction engaged in, regardless of whether such transaction is effected pursuant to license or otherwise, and such record shall be available for examination for at least 5 years after the date of such transaction. Except as otherwise provided, every person holding property blocked pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or funds transfers retained pursuant to \$5.95.5.04(b) of this chapter chapter or funds transfers retained pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter shall keep a full and accurate record of such property, and such record shall be available for examination for the period of time that such property is blocked and for at least 5 years after the date such property is unblocked.

§ 501.802 Reports to be furnic

Every person is required to furnish under oath, in the form of reports or otherwise, from time to time and at any time as may be required by the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, complete information relative to any complete information relative to any transaction, regardless of whether such transaction is effected pursuant to license or otherwise, subject to the provisions of this chapter or relative to any property in which any foreign country or any national thereof has any interest of any nature whatsoever, direct or indirect. The Director may require that such reports include the production of any books of account, contracts, letters or other papers connected with any such transaction or property, in the custody or control of the persons required to make such reports. Reports required to make such reports. Reports with respect to transactions may be required either before or after such transactions are completed. The Director may, through any person or agency, conduct investigations, hold hearings, administer oaths, examine witnesses; receive evidence, take depositions, and require by subposes the attendance and

testimony of witnesses and the testimony of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, and documents relating to any matter un investigation, regardless of whether report has been required or filed in connection therewith.

§ 581.603 Reports on blo (a) Who must report—(1) Holders of blocked property. Any person, includies a financial institution, holding property blocked pursuant to this chapter must report. The requirement includes financial institutions that receive and block payments or transfers. This requirement is mandatory and applies to

block payments or transfers. This requirement is mandatory and applies to all U.S. persons (or persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction in the case of parts 500 and 515 of this chapter, or other persons in property blocked pursuant to this chapter. (2) Primary responsibility to report. A report may be filed on behalf of a bolder of blocked property by an attorney, agent, or other person. Primary responsibility for reporting blocked proposity, however, rests with the actual holder of the property, or the person exercising control over property located outside the United States, with the following exceptions: primary outside the United States, with the following exceptions: primary responsibility for reporting any trust easets rest with the trustee; and primary responsibility for reporting real property rests with any U.S. co-owner, legal representative, agent, or property manager in the United States. No person of the fact that another person has submitted a report with regard to the same property, except upon actual knowledge of the report filled by such other person. Reports filed are regarde as privileged and confidential.

(3) Financial institutions. For purposes of this section, the term "financial institution" shall include: is excused from filing a report by reason of the fact that another person has

"financial institution" shall include a banking institution, dossestic bank, United States depository institution, financial institution, or U.S. financial institution, as those terms are defined in the applicable part of this chapter.

(b) What must be reported—(1) Initial reports—(i) Whan reports are due.

Reports are required to be filled within 10 business days from the date that property becomes blocked. This reporting requirement includes payments or transfers that are received

reporting requirement includes payments or transfers that are received and blocked by financial institutions. (ii) Contents of reports. Initial reports on blocked property shall describe the owner or scount party, the property, its location, any existing or new scount number or similar reference necessary to identify the homeophysical or services. identify the property, actual or estimated value and the date it was blocked, and shall include the name

address of the holder, along with the name and telephone number of a contact person from whom compliance information can be obtained. If the report is filed by a financial institution and involves the receipt of a payment or transfer of funds which are blocked by the financial institution, the report shall also include a photocopy of the payment or transfer instructions received and shall confirm that the payment has been deposited into a new or existing blocked account which is labeled as such and is established in the and telephone num labeled as such and is established in the name of, or contains a means of clearly identifying the interest of, the individual or entity subject to blocking pursuant to the requirements of this purs. chapter.

- (2) Annual reports—(i) When reports are due. A comprehensive report on all blocked property held as of June 30 of the current year shall be filed annually by September 30. The first annual reports due September 30, 1997.
- is due September 30, 1997.

 (ii) Contents of reports. Annual reperts shall be filed using Form TDF 90-22.50, Annual Report of Blocked Property. Copies of Form TDF 90-22.50 may be obtained directly from the Office of Foreign Assets Control, by calling the fax-on-demand service maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control at 202/622-0077, or by downloading the form from the "OFAC Press Releases and Miscellaneous Documents" file
- form from the "OPAC Press Releases and Miscellaneous Documents" file library ("FAC_MISC") located on the Government Printing Office's Federal Bulletin Board Online via GPO Access (Internet sitz: http:// sedbba.cocss.gpo.gov/libs/fac_misc.html. Photocopies of the report form may be used. Requests to submit the information required on Form TDF 90-22.50 in an alternative format developed by the reporter are invited and will be considered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control on a Office of Foreign Assets Control on a case-by-case basis. A copy of reports filed using form TDF 90-22.50 or in alternative formats must be ref the reporter's records.
- (c) Reports on retained funds ursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter. he reporting requirements set forth in pursuant to \$596.504(b) of this ci The reporting requirements set fo this section are applicable to any financial institution retaining fun this section are applicable to any financial institution retaining funds pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter except that the account name shall reflect the name of the person whose interest required retention of the funds.
- (d) Where to report. All reports must be filed with the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Compliance Pro Division, U.S. Treasury Departm 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW-Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

- (a) Who must report. Any financial institution that rejects a funds transfer institution that rejects a funds transfer where the funds are not blocked under the provisions of this chapter, but where processing the transfer would nonetheless violate, or facilitate an underlying transaction that is prohibited under, other provisions contained in this chapter, must report. For purposes of this section, the term "financial institution" shall include a banking institution are denociated institution or institution" shall include a banking institution, depository institution or United States depository institution or U.S. financial institution, as those terms are defined in the applicable part of this chantes.
- chapter.
 (b) Rejected transfers. Examples of transactions involving rejected funds transfers include funds transfer
- instructions:
 (1) Referencing a blocked vessel but where none of the parties or financial institutions involved in the transaction is a blocked person;
 (2) Sending funds to a person in Iraq;
 (3) Transferring unlicensed gifts or charitable donations from the
- Government of Syria or Sudan to a U.S.
- Government of Syras or Sudan to a U.S. person;

 (4) Crediting Iranian accounts on the books of a U.S. financial institution; and (5) Making unauthorized transfers from U.S. persons to tran or the Government of Iran.

 (c) When reports are due. Reports are required to be filed within 10 business days by any financial institution rejecting instructions to execute payments or transfers involving underlying transactions prohibited by the provisions of this chapter.

 (d) What must be reported. The report shall include the name and address of the transferse financial institution, the date of the transfer, the amount of the
- date of the transfer, the amount of the payment transfer, and a photocopy of the payment or transfer instructions received, and shall state the basis for the rejection of the transfer instructions. The report shall also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person at the transferee financial institution from whom compliance information may be obtained.

 (e) Where to report. Reports must be filed with the Office of Poregin Assets Control, Compilance Programs Division, date of the transfer, the amount of the
- Control, Compliance Programs Divisi U.S. Treasury Department, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW—Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

§ 501.806 Reports on Hilgstion, arbitand dispute resolution proceedings.

(a) U.S. persons (or persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States in the case of parts 500 and 515 of this

- chapter) participating in litigation. chapter) participating in litigation, arbitration, or other binding alternatidispute resolution proceedings in the United States on behalf of or against persons whose property or interests is property are blocked or whose funds have been retained pursuant to have been retained pursuant to \$ 596.504(b) of this chapter, or when the outcome of any proceeding may affect blocked property or retained funds,
- (1) Provide notice of such proceedings (1) Provine nature of steam proving upon their commencement or upon submission or receipt of documents bringing the proceedings within the terms of the introductory text to this
- bringing the proceedings within the terms of the introductory text to this paragraph (a):

 (2) Submit copies of all pleadings, motions, memoranda, exhibits, stipulations, correspondence, and proposed orders or judgments (including any proposed final judgment or default judgment) submitted to the court or other adjudicatory body, and all orders, decisions, optimions, or memoranda issued by the court, to the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Tressury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW—Annex, Washington, DC 20220, within 10 days of filing, submission or insuance. This paragraph (a)(2) shall not apply to discovery requests or responses, documents filed under seal, or requests for procedural action not responses, documents filed under se or requests for procedural action not seeking action dispositive of the proceedings (such as requests for extension of time to file); and (3) Report by immediate facsimile transmission to the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, at facsimile number 202/622—1911, the scheduline of any heaving a status
- facsimile number 202/822-1911, the scheduling of any hearing or status conference in the proceedings whenever it appears that the court or other adjudicatory body may issue an order or judgment in the proceedings (including a final judgment or default judgment) or is considering or may decide any pending request dispositive of the merits of the proceedings or of any claim raised in the proceedings.

 (b) The reporting requirements of paragraph (e) of this section do not apply to proceedings to which the Office of Foreign Assets Control is a party.
- party.

 (c) Persons initiating proceedings subject to the reporting requirement this section must notify the court or other adjudicatory body of the restrictions set forth under the restrictions set forth under the applicable part in this chapter governing the transfer of blocked property or funds retained pursuant to \$598.504(b) of this chapter, including the prohibition on any uniformed attachment, judgment, decree, lien, execution, garnishment or other judicial process with respect to

any property in which, on or after the applicable effective date, there existes an interest of any person whose property end property interests were subject to blocking pursuant to this chapter or were subject to retention pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter.

§ 501.606 Reporting and recordinaping requirements applicable to economic

The reporting and recordkeeping A sis reporting and recordiseping requirements set forth in this subpart are applicable to economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration have been delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

6.501.801 Licensing.

801.801 Licenses.
(a) General licenses. General licenses
tave been issued authorizing under appropriate terms and conditions tain types of transactions which are certain types of transactions which are subject to the prohibitions contained in this chapter. All such licenses are set forth in subpart E of each part contained in this chapter. General licenses may also be insued authorizing under any to instead autorizing under appropriate terms and conditions certain types of transactions which are subject to prohibitions contained in economic sanctions programs the implementation and administration of which have adjusted to the which have been delegated to the Director of the Office of Foreign Asse Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control but which are not yet codified in this chapter. It is the policy of the Office of Foreign Assets Control not to grant applications for specific licenses authorizing transactions to which the provisions of an outstanding general license are applicable. Persons availing themselves of certain general licenses may be required to file resports and statements in accordance with the instructions specified in those licenses. Failure to file such reports or statements will nullify the authority of the general license.

(b) Specific licenses—(1) General course of procedure. Transactions subject to the prohibitions contained in this chapter, or to prohibitions the implementation and administration of which have been delegated to the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, which are not authorized by general license may be effected only under specific licenses.

(2) Applications for specific licenses.

Applications for specific licenses to engage in any transactions prohibited by apprint out to repeat the resistence of the congress of the co

with the Office of Foreign Assets Control. Any person having an interest in a transaction or proposed transaction may file an application for a license in a transaction or proposed transacti may file an application for a license authorizing such transaction, but the

in a transaction or proposed transaction may file an application for a license authorizing such transaction, but the applicant for a specific license is required to make full distributes of all parties in interest to the transaction as that decision on the application may be made with full knowledge of all relevant facts and so that the identity and location of the persons who know about the transaction may be easily accertained in the event of inquiry.

(3) Information to be supplied. The applicant must supply all information specified by relevant instructions and/or forms, and must fully disclose the names of all parties who are concurred with or interested in the proposed transaction. If the application is filed by an agent, the agent must disclose the name of his principal(s). Such documents as may be relevant shall be attached to each application as part of such application, except that documents previously filed with the Office of Poreign Assets Control may, where appropriets, be incorporated by reference in such application.

Typicant are required to supply their texpayer identifying number pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 70:10, which number may be used for purposes of collecting and reporting on any delinquent amounts oses of collecting and ny delinous 31 U.S.C. 7701, was done to the purposes of collecting as-reporting on any delinquent amount arising out of the applicant's relationship with the United States Government. Applicants may be required to furnish such further Covernment. Applicants may be required to furnish such further information as is desured necessary to a proper determination by the Office of Poreign Assets Control. Any applicant or other party in interest desiring to present additional information may do so at any time before or after decision. Armagaments for oral presentation about be made with the Office of

should be made with the Office of Poreign Assets Control.

(4) Effect of denial. The denial of a license does not preclude the roopening of an application or the filing of a further application. The applicant or any other party in interest may at any time request explanation of the reasons for a denial by correspondence or personal interview.

(5) Reports under specific licenses. As a condition for the issuance of any license, the licensee may be required to file reports with respect to the

file reports with respect to the transaction covered by the license, in such form and at such times and place as may be prescribed in the license or

otherwise.

(6) Issuance of license. Licenses will be issued by the Office of Foreign Assets Control acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury or licenses may be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury.

acting directly or through any specifically designated person, agency, or instrumentality.

(?) Address: License applications, reports, and inquiries should be addressed to the appropriate division or individual within the Office of Foreign. individual within the Office of Foreign Assets Control, or to its Director, at the following address: Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Fennsylvania Avenue, NW—Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

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§ 891.882 Decisions.

The Office of Foreign Assets Control will advise such applicant of the decision respecting filed applications. The decision of the Office of Foreign, Assets Control acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Tresurey with respect an application shall constitute final agency action.

§ 501.805 Amendment, modifi

The provisions of this part and any rulings, licenses (whether general or specific), authorizations, instructions, iers, or forms issued hereunder mey emended, modified, or revoked at any time.

\$501.004 Rules

\$ 501.004 Patemeting.

(a) All rules and other public documents are issued by the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control. In general, rulemaking by the Office of Foreign Assets Control involves foreign affairs functions of the United States, and for that waters. and for that reson is compt from the requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) for notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public comment, and delay in effective

public comment, man date.

(b) Any interested person may petition the Director of the Office of Person abest Control in writing for the issuence, amendment, or repeal of any

§ 501.885 Rules governing availability of

(a) The records of the Office of yay see reserves or the Office of Foreign Asset Control which are required by the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) to be made available to the public shall be made available in accordance with the definitions, procedures, payment of fees and other eccordance with the definitions, procedures, payment of Seas, and other provisions of the regulations on the Disclosure of Records of the Departmental Offices and of other bureous and offices of the Department of the Treasury Issued under 5 U.S.C. 552 and published at 31 CFR part 1.

(b) The records of the Office of Foreign Assets Control which are required by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) to be made available to an

individual shall be made available in with the definitions. accordance with the definitions, procedures, requirements for payment of fees, and other provisions of the Regulations on the Disclosure of Records of the Departmental Offices and of other bureaus and offices of the Department of the Treasury issued under 5 U.S.C. 552a and published at 31 CFR part 1.

on any norm issued for use in connection with this chapter may be obtained in person or by writing to the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW—Annex, Washington, DC 20220. 202/622-2480.

§ 501.806 Procedures for unblocking lunds believed to have been blocked due to mistaken identity.

When a transaction results in the plocking of funds at a financial institution pursuant to the applicable regulations of this chapter and a party to the transaction believes the funds to the transaction betteves the runor have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuant to the following administrative procedures:

- (a) Any person who is a party to the ransaction may request the release of lunds which the party believes to have seen blocked due to mistaken identity
- seen blocked due to mistaken identity.

 (b) Requests to release funds which a party believes to have been blocked due o mistaken identity must be made in writing and addressed to the Office of Foreign Assets Control, 1500

 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW—Annex, Washington, DC 20220, or sent by incimile transmission to 202/6222-1657.
- (c) The written request to release ands must include the name, addre slephone number, and (where ivaliable) fax number of the party seeking the release of the funds. For adividuals, the inclusion of a social nonviousle, the inclusion of a social security number is voluntary but will acilitate resolution of the request. For corporations or other entities, the upplication should include its principal place of business, the state of man or utsumers, the state of neorporation or organization, and the same and telephone number of the appropriate person to contact regarding ippropriate per he application.
- (d) A request to release funds should netude the following information, where known, concerning the
- (1) The name of the financial n in which the funds are
- (2) The amount blocked:
- (3) The date of the blocking:

- (4) The identity of the original emitter of the funds and any intermediary financial institutions; (5) The intended beneficiary of the

(5) The intended beneficiary of the blocked transfer; (6) A description of the underlying transaction including copies of related documents (e.g., invoices, bills of lading, promissory notes, etc.); (7) The nature of the supplicant's interest in the funds; and (8) A statement of the reasons why the applicant believes the funds were blocked due to mistaken identity. (e) Upon receipt of the meterials required by paragraph (d) of this section, OFAC may request additional meterial from the applicant concerning the transaction pursuant to \$501.602. (f) Following review of all applicable submissions, the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control will determine

of Foreign Assets Control will determine ther to release the funds. In th whether to receive the number in that the funds should be released, the Office of Foreign Assets Control will direct the financial institution to return the funds

(g) For purposes of this section, the term "financial institution" shall term "financial institution" shall include a banking institution, depository institution or United States depository institution, domestic bank, financial institution or U.S. financial institution, as those terms are defined it the applicable part of this chapter.

§ 501.807 Procedures governing remove of names from appendices A, B, and C to this chapter.

his chapter.

Persons seeking administrative econsideration of their designation or hat of a vessel as blocked, or who wish o assert that the circumstances to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable, may seek to have the designation rescinded pursuant to the following administrative procedures:

(a) A specially designated national ("SDN"), specially designated terrorist ("SDT"), or specially designated marcotics trafficker ("SDNT") follocities, a "designated person"), or

narcotics trafficker ("SDNT") (collectively, a "designated person"), or a person owning a majority interest in a blocked vessel, may request disclosure of the factual basis for designation and, subject to the limitations contained in paragraph [c) of this section, review factual materials relied upon by the Office of Foreign Assets Control in designating the person or vessel. (b) Requests to review such information must be made in writing and addressed to the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW—Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

(c) The Office of Foreign Assets
Control will deny access to docume

that are classified pursuant to Executive Order No. 12958 or similar Executive orders, or to documents that the Office deems privileged, or that the Office determines would not otherwise be available by law to a party in litigation with the Office. Similarly, the Office

may redact materials to protect confidential or privileged information. (d) Following a review of the basis of designation, a designated person or person owning a majority interest in a blocked vessel may submit arguments or evidence that the person believes refutes evidence that the person believes refutes the basis for designation, or may propose remedial steps on its part, including copporate reorganization, resignation of position(s) in a blocked organization or similar steps, which it believes would negate the basis for designation. A person owning a majority interest in a blocked vessel may propose the sale of the vessel, with the proceeds to be placed into a blocked interest-bearing account after deducting the coets incurred while the vessel was costs incurred while the vessel was blocked and the costs of the sale.

blocked and the costs of the sale.

(e) After making a written submission,
a designated person or person seeking
the unblocking of a vessel may request
a meeting with the Director of the Office
of Foreign Assets Control; however,
such meetings are not required, and the
Director may, at his discretion, decline
to conduct such meetings prior to
making a review pursuant to this
section.

(f) The information submitted by the (f) The information submitted by the designated person or person seeking the unblocking of a vessel will be reviewed by the Director, who may request clarifying, corroborating, or other additional information.
(g) For purposes of judicial review, a decision pursuant to this section constitutes a final agency action.

§ 501.806 License application and other procedures applicable to economic sanctions programs.

Upon submission to the Office of Management and Budget of an amendment to the overall burden hours for the information collections imposed tor the information collections imposed under this part, the license application and other procedures set forth in this subpart are applicable to economic anactions programs for which implementation and administration have been delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Subpart E-Paperwork Reduction Act

§ 501.901 Paperwork Reduction Act notice

The information collection equirements in subparts C and D have een approved by the Office of fanagement and Budget ("OMB")

under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)) and assigned control number 1505–0164. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to prespond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

PART 505—REGULATIONS PROHIBITING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE SHIPMENT OF CERTAIN MERCHANDISE BETWEEN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

1. The authority citation for part 505 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50 U.S.C. App. 1-44; Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 sote); E.O. 9193, 7 FR 5205, 3 CFR, 1938-1943 Comp., p. 1174; E.O. 9899, 13 FR 4881, 3 CFR, 1943-1946 Comp., p. 746.

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- 2. Section 505.40 is amended by revising the reference to "\$\$ 500.601 and 500.602" to read "\$\$ 501.601 and 501.602".
- 3. Section 505.60 is revised to read as follows:

\$ 505.60 Pt

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see § 500.802 and subpart D of part 501 of this charter. part 501 of this chapter.

PART 515—CUBAN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 515 vised to reed as follows:

Is revised to reed as follows:
Authority: 18 U.S.C. 2320(2); 20 U.S.C.
2370(a), 5001-6010; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50
U.S.C. App. 1-44; Pub. L. 101-101, 104 Stat.
890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 notel; E.O. 9183, 7 PR
5208, 3 CFR, 1936-1943 Comp., p. 1147; E.D.
9989, 13 FR 8983, 3 CFR, 1943-48 Comp., 748; Proc. 3447, 27 FR 1085, 3 CFR 1959-1963 Comp., p. 157; E.O. 12854, 58 FR 38587, 3 CFR, 1993 Comp., p. 514.

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

2. Section 515.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph
(a) to read as follows:

§ 515.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and license

application and other procedures of which apply to this part.

Section 515.201 is amended by adding new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 515.201 Transactions involved designated foreign countries of nationals; effective date.

(e) When a transaction results in the blocking of funds at a banking institution pursuant to this section and a party to the transaction believes the funds have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuant to the administrative procedures set forth in § 501.806 of this chapter.

Subpart C-General Definitions

4. The note at the end of § 515.306 is amended by adding a sentence to the end of the note to read as follows:

§ 515.306 Specially designated net

Note to \$515.308: Section 501.807 of this chapter sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable.

Subpart E-Licenses, Authorizations, and Statements of Licensing Policy

5. Section 515.506 is amended by removing paragraph (f) and by adding a note to the end of the section to reed as follows:

§ 515.508 Payments in domestic banks.

- Note to \$515.500: Please refer to \$501.503 of this chapter for mandatory reporting fequirements regarding financial transfers.
- 6. Subpart F is revised to reed as

Subpart F-Reports

§ 515.601 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this

Subpart G-Penalties

§ 515.701 [Amended]

7. Section \$15.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and by adding in their place the words "as adjusted by".

Subpart H--Procedures

8. Section 515.801 is revised to read

4.515.801 Procedures

For license application procedure and procedures relating to amendm modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this chapter.

95 515.802-600.806 and 515.809

8a. Sections 515.802-through 515.806 and 515.809 are removed.

§§ 515.807 and 515.808 [Redesignated as §§ 515.802 and 515.803]

8b. Sections 515.807 and 515.808 are redesignated as §§ 515.802 and 515.803, respectively.

Subpart I-Mis

Section 515.901 is revised to read as follows:

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\$515.901 Peperwork Reduction Act notice Collection of information on TDF 90-22.39, "Declaration, Travel to Cuba," has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(II) and assigned control number 1505—0118. For approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

PART 535—IRANIAN ASSETS

PART 535—IRANIAN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS

The authority citation for part 535 is revised to read as follows:

is revised to read as follows:
Authority: 18 U.S.C. 2332d; 31 U.S.C.
321(b): 50 U.S.C. 1701-1708; Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2481 note); EO. 12170, 44 PK 68 5728, 3 CFK, 1979 Comp., p. 457; EO. 12205, 45 PK 24009, 3 CFK, 1980 Comp., p. 264; EO. 12217, 45 PK 26835, 3 CFK, 1980 Comp., p. 253; EO. 12276, 46 PK 7913, 3 CFK, 1981 Comp., p. 104; EO. 12279 46 PK 7919, 3 CFK, 1981 Comp., p. 109; EO. 12206, 46 PK 7921, 3 CFK, 1981 Comp., p. 100; EO. 12281, 46 PK 7923, 3 CFK, 1981 Comp., p. 110; EO. 12226, 46 PK 7925, 3 110; E.O. 12281, 40 FR 7925, 3 GFR, 1895, 3 GFR, 1981 Comp., p. 110; E.O. 12282, 46 FR 7925, 3 GFR, 1981 Comp., p. 113; E.O. 12283, 46 FR 7927, 3 GFR, 1981 Comp., p. 114; and E.O.

12294, 46 FR 14111, 3 CFR, 1981 Comp., p.

Subpert A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

Section 535.101 is amended by removing the first two sentences of paragraph (a) and adding a new sentence in their place to read as

§ 526.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and licease application and other procedures of which apply to this part.

Subpart E—Licenses, Authorizations and Statements of Licensing Policy

3. Section 535.508 is amended by removing paregraph (f) and by adding a note to the end of the section to read as

Note to § 535.500: Please refer to § 501.603 of this chapter for mandatory reporting requirements regarding financial transfers.

4. Subpart F is revised to read as follows:

Subpart F--Reports

6.535.801 Records and records.

For provisions relating to records and eports, see subpart C of part 501 of this

Subpart G-Penalties

§ 535.701 [Amended]

5. Section 535.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and adding in their place the words "as adjusted by".

6. Subpart H is revised to read as follows:

Subport H--Procedures

§ 536.801 Procedures.

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking, and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this chapter.

7. Section 535.905 is revised to read

§ 535.905 Paperwork Reduction Act no

For approval by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating to information collections relating to recordisapping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

PART 536—NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

The authority citation for part 536 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 3 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50 U.S.C. 1601–1641, 1701–1706; Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); E.O. 12978, 60 FR 54579, 3 CFR, 1995 Comp.,

Subpart A-Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

2. Section 536.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph
(a) to read as follows:

§ 536.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and license application and other procedures of which analy to this name \$2.2. application and ourse p which apply to this par

Subpart B-Prohibiti

3. Section 536.201 is amer ded by designating the existing paragraph as paragraph (a) and by adding new paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ \$36.201 Prohibited transactinvolving blocked property.

(b) When a transaction results in the blocking of funds at a financial institution pursuant to this section and a party to the transaction believes the funds have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuant to the administrative procedures set forth in § 501.806 of this chapter.

4. Section 536.312 is amended by adding a note to the end of the section to read as follows:

§ 536.312 Specially designated nerco

MOTE TO § SSE.STE: Please refer to the appendices at the end of this chapter for listings of persons determined to fall within this defination who have been designated pursuant to this part. Section 501.807 of this chapter sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer resulting in the designation are no longer applicable.

Subpert E—Licenses, Authorization and Statements of Licensing Policy

5. Section 536.503 is amended by revising paragraph (a) and by adding a note to the end of the section to read as

§ \$30.503 Payments and transfers to blocked accounts in U.S. financial institutions.

(a) Any payment of funds or transfer of credit or other financial or economic resources or assets into a blocked account in a U.S. financial institution is authorized, provided that a transfer from a blocked account pursuant to this authorization may only be made to another blocked account held in the same name on the books of the same U.S. financial institution.

MOTE TO § 536.563: Please refer to § 501.603 of this chapter for mandatory reporting requirements regarding financial transfers.

6. Subpart F is revised to read as

Subpart F—Reports

€ 536.601 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this chapter.

Subpart H.--Procedures

7. Section 536.801 is revised to read as follows:

§ 536.801 Procedures.

§ 538.601 Procedures.

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses: administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this chapter.

7a. Sections 536.802 through 536.804 and 536.806 are removed.

§ 536.805 [Reducignated as § 536.802]

7b. Section 536.805 is redesignated as § 536.802.

-Paperwork Reduction Act

8. Section 536.901 is revised to read as follows:

§ 536.901 Paper ork Reduction Act n

For approval by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating to information collections relating to recordisepting and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

PART 550-LIBYAN SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

The authority citation for part 550 revised to read as follows:

Is revised to read as follows:
Authority: 3 U.S.C. 201; 18 U.S.C. 2332d:
22 U.S.C. 22°C, 2349as—8 and 2349as—8; 31
U.S.C. 321(b); 49 U.S.C. App. 1514; 50 U.S.C.
1601—1651, 1701—1708; Pub. L. 101—410, 104
Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 nots); E.O. 12543,
51 FR 873, 3 CFR, 1986 Comp., p. 181; E.O.
12544, 51 FR 1235, 3 CFR, 1986 Comp., p.
181; E.O. 12601, 37 FR 14319, 3 CFR, 1992
Comp., p. 294.

Subpart A—Relation of this Part to Other Laws and Regulations

2. Section 550.101 is amended by removing the first two sentences of paragraph (a) and adding a new sentence in their place to read as follows:

§ 550.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

(a) This part is separate from, and dependent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and license application and other procedures of which apply to this part. which apply to this part.

3. Section 550.209 is amended by adding new paragraph (c) to read as

§ 550,209 Prohibited transa involving property in which t of Libya has an interest; tran respect to securities.

(c) When a transaction results in the blocking of funds at a financial institution pursuant to this section and a party to the transaction believes the funds have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuant that the desirations of the procedures set to have such funds unblocked pursuant that the section in the section of the section o to the administrative procedures set forth in § 501.806 of this chapter.

Subpart C-Definitions

4. The note at the end of § 550.304 is amended by adding a sentence to the end of the note to read as follows:

§ 550.304 Government of Libyra.

Note to \$ 538.304: " * Section 501.807 of this chapter sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no loneer applicable.

Subpart E-Licenses, Authorization and Statements of Licensing Policy

5. Section 550.511 is amended by 5. Section \$50.511 is amended by removing paragraph (g) and redesignating paragraph (h) as paragraph (g), by removing the words "paragraph (g) of this section" from the last sentence of newly designated paragraph (g) and adding in their place the words "the note to this section", and by adding a note to the end of the section to read as follows:

§ 550.511 Payments and transfers to blocked accounts in domestic benks.

Note to \$550.511; Please refer to \$501.603 of this chapter for mandatory reporting requirements regarding financial transfers. 6. Subpart F is revised to read as

Subpart F---Reports

follows

§ 550.601 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this chapter.

Subpart G-Penalties

4 550.701 [Amended]

Section 550.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and adding in their place the words "as adjusted by".

Subpart H-Procedures

8. Section 550.801 is revised to read as follows:

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendm modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this

§§ 550.802-550.804 and 500.806 [Removed]

8a. Sections 550.802 through 550.804 and 500.806 are removed.

§§ 550,805 and 550,807 [Re §§ 550,802 and 560,803]

8b. Sections 550.805 and 550.807 are redesignated as §§ 550.802 and 550.803, respectively.

9. Section 550.901 is revised to read

The information collection The information collection requirements in §550.580(d) have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)) and assigned control number 1505-0093. For approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating to recordlessing and remoting mormation collections relating to recordkeeping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedure (including those pursuant to statem of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see \$501.901 of this chanter. As assessy may not conduct procedures, see \$501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

PART 560—IRAMAN TRANSACTIONS REGULATIONS

The authority citation for part 560 is revised to read as follows:

is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 3 U.S.C. 301; 18 U.S.C. 2332d;
22 U.S.C. 2349an-9; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50
U.S.C. 1601-1651, 1701-1706; Pub. L. 101-140, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 notb); E.O. 12613, 52 FR 41940, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 256; E.O. 12857, 80 FR 14615, 3 CFR, 1985 Comp., p. 332; E.O. 12959, 60 FR 24787, 3
CFR, 1995 Comp., p. 356.

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

2. Section 560.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of pareg.
(a) to read as follows:

§ 500,101 Relation of this part to other town, and regulations.

tews and regulations.

(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter, including part 535 of this chapter, "Iranian Assets Control Regulations," with the exception of ne chapter, "Iranian Assets Control Regulations," with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkseping and reporting requirements and licease application and other procedures of which apply to this part. " "

Subport F-Reports

3. Section 560.601 is revised to read as follows:

6560.001 Records and reports

For provisions relating to records and sports, see subpart C of part 501 of this

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3a. Section 560.802 is removed and reserved.

Subpart G-Penalti

§ 500.701 [Amended]

4. Section 560.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and adding in their place the words "as adjusted by".

Subpart H-Procedures

5. Section 560.801 is revised to read as follows:

§ 580.801 Proc

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\$\$ \$80.802-590.804 and \$60.807

5a. Sections 560.802 through 560.804 and 560.807 are removed.

§§ 560.805 and 560.806 [Red: §§ 560.802 and 560.803]

5b. Sections 560.805 and 560.806 are redesignated as §§ 560.802 and 560.803, respectively.

Subpart I---Paperwork Reduction Act

6. Section 560.901 is revised to read as follows:

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The specific information collection requirements in § 560.603 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the

Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507(j)) and assigned control number 1505-0106. For approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating to information collections relating to recordkeeping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by CMB.

PART 575—IRAQI SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 575 is revised to read as follows:

is revised to read as follows:
Authentyn J U.S.C. 901; 18 U.S.C. 2332d;
22 U.S.C. 287c; Pub. L. 101-513, 104 Stat.
2047-55 [30 U.S.C. 1701 nobe]; 31 U.S.C.
321(b); 39 U.S.C. 1601-1685, 1701-1706;
Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 990 (28 U.S.C.
2461 nobe); E.O. 12722, 55 FR 31603, 3 CFR,
1990 Comp., p. 294; E.O. 12724, 55 FR 33098,
3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 317; E.O. 12817, 37
FR 48433, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 317.

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

Section 575.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 575.101 Relation of this part to oth

(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and license application and other procedures of which apply to this part.

Subpart B-Prohibitions

3. Section 575.201 is amended by adding new paragraph (c) to read as

§ 575.201 Prohibited transactions involving property in which the Gove of Iraq has an interest; transactions respect to securities. .

(c) When a transaction results in the (c) When a transaction results in the blocking of funds at a financian institution pursuant to this section and a party to the transaction believes the funds have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuant to the administrative procedures set forth in § 501.806 of this chapter.

Subpart C-General Defin

4. The note at the end of \$ 575,306 is amended by adding a sentence end of the note to read as follow

§ 575.306 Government of traq.

Note to \$373.388: " Section 501.807 of this chapter sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable.

Subpart E-Licenses, Authorization and Statements of Licensing Policy

Section 575.503 is amended by removing paragraph (h) and by addir a note to the end of the section to rea as follows:

§ 575.503 Payments and transfer blocked accounts in U.S. financial institutions.

Note to § 575.563: Please refer to § 501.603 of this chapter for mandatory reporting requirements regarding financial transfers.

6. Subpart F is revised to read as

Subport F-Reports

§ 575.601 Records and repo

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this chapter.

Subpart G-Penalties

§ 575.701 [Amende

7. Section 557.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and adding in their place the words "as adjusted by".

Subpart H-Procedures

8. Section 575.801 is revised to read

§ 575.801 Procedures.

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendmen modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions: rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552s), see subpart D of part 501 of this chapter.

\$\$ 575.802-675.804 and 575.806

8a. Sections 575.802 through 575.804 and 575.806 are removed.

§ 575.805 [Redesignated as § 575.802]

8b. Section 575.805 is redesignated as § 575.802.

Subpart I-Paperwork Reduction Act

Section 575.901 is revised to read as follows:

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\$575.901 Paperwork Reduction Act nouse.
For approval by the Office of
Management and Budget ("OMB")
under the Paperwork Reduction Act of
information collections relating to recordkeeping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

PART 585—FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO) AND BOSMAN SERB-CONTROLLED AREAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SANCTIONS

1. The authority citation for part 585 is revised to read as follows:

Is revised to read as follows:

Asthority, 3 U.S.C. 301; 22 U.S.C. 287C; 31

U.S.C. 321(b); 49 U.S.C. 40108; 50 U.S.C.
1601-1851, 1701-1708; Phul. 101-410, 104

Stat 860 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); E.O. 12206,
57 FR 23299, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 305; E.O.
12310, 57 FR 24347, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 576; E.O. 12346, 59 FR 25771, 3

Comp., p. 576; E.O. 12246, 59 FR 25771, 3

CFR, 1993 Comp., p. 501; E.O. 12344, 59 FR

54117, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 930.

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

Section 585.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 585.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

laws and regulations.

(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and license application and other procedures of which apply to this part.

Subpart B-Prohibitions

3. Section 585.201 is amended by adding a new sentence to the end of the note to § 585.201(c) and by adding new paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 585.201 Prohibited transactions involving blocked property; transactions with respect to securities.

(c) • • •

Note to § \$85.201(c): * * * Section \$01.807 this chapter sets forth the procedures to be of this compare was many and processed of this compare was many and processed of their designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable.

(e) When a transaction results in the blocking of funds at a financial institution pursuant to this section and a party to the transaction believes the funds have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuant to the administrative procedures set forth in § 501.806 of this chapter.

Subport C-General Definitions

4. The note at the end of § 585.311 is amended by adding a sentence to the end of the note to read as follows:

§ 585,311 Government of the FRY (S&M).

Note to § 585.311: * * * Section 501.807 of this chapter sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable.

Subpart E-Licenses, Authorization and Statements of Licensing Policy

5. Section 585,503 is amended by section 355.333 is amended by revising paragraph (a) and by adding a note to the end of the section to read as follows:

§ 585.503 Payments and transfer blocked accounts in U.S. financial

(a) Any payment of funds or transfer of credit or other financial or economic resources or assets into a blocked account in a U.S. financial institution is authorized, provided that a transfer from a blocked account pursuant to this authorization may only be made to another blocked account led in the same name on the books of the same U.S. financial institution.

Note to § 585.503: Please refer to § 501.603 of this chapter for mandatory reporting requirements regarding financial transfers.

6. Subpart F is revised to read as

Subpart F-Reports

§ 585.601 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this

§585.701 [Ame

7. Section 585.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and adding in their place the words "as adjusted by".

Subpart H-Procedures

8. Section \$85.801 is revised to read as follows:

§ 585.801 Procedures

§ 586.801 Procedures.

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 592 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this observer.

\$§ 585.802-685.804 and 586.806 [Removed]

8a. Sections 585.802 through 585.804 and 585.806 are remov

§ 585.805 [Redesignated as § 585.802]

8b. Section 585.805 is redesignated as § 585.802.

Subpart I-Paperwork Reduction Act

9. Section 585.901 is revised to read as follows:

§ 585.901 Pape

For approval by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating to information collections relating to recordiseping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by CMB.

PART 590—UNITA (ANGOLA) SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 590 is revised to read as follows:

25 revised to Feed as follows: Authority: 3 U.S.C. 301; 22 U.S.C. 287c; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50 U.S.C. 1801–1851, 1701– 1706; Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 690 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); E.O. 12865, 58 FR 51005, 3 CFR, 1993 Comp., p. 636.

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

Section 590.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 500.101 Relation of this part to other tews and regulations.

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(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter; the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and licease application and other procedures of which apply to this part.

3. Subpart F is revised to read as follows:

Subpart F--Reports

§ 580.801 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to records and eports, see subpart C of part 501 of this

Subpart G-Penalties

§ 590.701 [Amended]

Section 590.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and adding in their place the words "as adjusted by".

Subpart H--Procedures

5. Section 590.801 is revised to read as follows:

§ 500.801 Pro

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this chanter.

-\$§ 590.802 through 590.804 and 590.806 [Removed]

5a. Sections 590.802 through 590.804 and 590.806 are removed.

§ 590.805 [Redesignated as § 599.802]

5b. Section 590.805 is redesignated as § 590.802.

Subpart I--Paperwork Reduction Act

6. Section 590.901 is added to read as

§ 590.901 Paperwork Reduction Act not

For approval by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating to information collections relating to recordkeeping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

PART 595—TERRORISM SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

The authority citation for part 595 revised to read as follows:

Authority: 3 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50 U.S.C. 1601-1851, 1701-1706; Pub. L. 1410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); E.O. 12947, 60 FR 8079, 3 CFR. 1995 Comp.,

Subpart A.—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

2. Section 595.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 585.101 Relation of this part to other

pues.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordicepting and reporting requirements and license application and other procedures of which apply to this part.

Subpart 6-Prohibitions

Section 595.201 is amended by designating the existing paragraph as paragraph (a) and by adding new paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 595.201 Prohibited trans involving blocked property.

(b) When a transaction results in the blocking of funds at a financial institution pursuant to this sect blocking of funds at a financial institution pursuant to this section and a party to the transaction believes the funds have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuant

to the administrative procedures set forth in § 501.806 of this chapter. Subport C.—General Definitions

4. The note at the end of § 595.311 is amended by adding a sentence to the end of the note to reed as follows:

§ 595.311 Specially designated terr

Note to \$585.311: * * Section 501.807 of this chapter sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation, or who wish to essert that the circumstances resulting in the designation. resulting in the designation are no longer applicable.

Subpart E-Licenses, Authorizations, and Statements of Licensing Policy

5. Section 595.503 is amended by revising paragraph (a) and by adding a

note to the end of the section to read as

§ 595.503 Payments and transfers to blocked accounts in U.S. financial

(a) Any payment of funds or transfer of credit or other financial or ec or creat or other institute of economic resources or assets into a blocked account in a U.S. financial institution is authorized, provided that a transfer from a blocked account pursuant to this authorization may only be made to another blocked account held in the same name on the books of the same U.S. financial institution.

Note to § 595.503: Please refer to § 501.603 of this chapter for mandatory reporting requirements regarding financial transfers.

6. Subpart F is revised to read as

follows

Subpart F--Reports

§ 595.601 Records and report

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this chapter.

Subport G-Penalties

\$595.791 [Amended]
7. Section 595.701(a) introductory text is amended by removing the words "as amended by" and adding in their place the words "as adjusted by."

Subpart H-Procedures

8. Section 595.801 is revised to read as follows:

§595.801 Pro

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses: administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this chapter.

\$5 595.802-595.804 and 595,806 [Remover!]

8a. Sections 595.802 through 595.804 and 595.806 are removed.

§ 595.805 [Redesignated as § 595.802]

8b. Section 595.805 is redesignated as § 595.802.

Subpart I—Paperwork Reduction Act

9. Section 595.901 is revised to read

§ 595.901 Paperwork R

For approval by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act of

information collections relating to recordkeeping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB. information collections relating to

PART 596—TERRORISM LIST GOVERNMENT'S SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

- 1. The authority citation for part 596 is revised to read as follows:
- Authority: 18 U.S.C. 2332d; 31 U.S.C. 321(b).

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

2. Section 598.101 is amended by revising the first sentence of paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 596.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

(a) This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and license

application and other procedures of which apply to this part. * * *

3. Subpart F is revised to read as follows:

Subpart F-Reports

§ 598.601 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this chapter.

Subpart H-Procedures

4. Section 596.801 is revised to read as follows:

§ 596.801 Proced

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this. 552a), see subpart D of part 501 of this

\$5 596.802-596.804 and 596.808 [Removed]

4a. Sections 596.802 through 596.804

§ 596.805 [Redesignated as § 596.802] 4b. Section 596.805 is redesignated as § 596.802.

Subpart I—Paperwork Reduction Act

5. Section 596.901 is revised to read as follows:

§ 596.901 Pap

For approval by the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") under the Paperwork Reduction Act of information collections relating to information collections relating to recordkeeping and reporting requirements, to licensing procedures (including those pursuant to statements of licensing policy), and to other procedures, see § 501.901 of this chapter. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respons to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB.

Deach August 7. 1997.

Deted: August 7, 1997. R. Richard Newcomb,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Conta

Approved: August 11, 1997. John P. Simpoon, Acting Assistant Secretary (Enforces Nets: The following Form will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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TABLE II .-- LUMP SUM VALUATIONS

(In using this table: (1) For benefits for which the participant or beneficiary is entitled to be in pay status on the valuation date, the immediate annuity rate shall apply: (2) For benefits for which the deterral period is y years (where y is an integer and $\theta < y < n$), interest rate i, shall apply from the valuation date for a period of y years, and thereafter the immediate annuity rate shall apply (3) For benefits for which the deterral period is y years (where y is an integer and $n \cdot (-y \cdot s_1 + n_2)$, interest rate n, shall apply from the valuation date for a period of y - n, years, interest set n, shall apply from the valuation date for a period of y - n, years, interest set n, shall apply from the valuation date for a period of y - n, n - n, years (where y is an integer and y > n, n - n), interest rate n shall apply from the valuation date for a period of y - n, n - n, years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; gears, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n; and thereafter the immediate annually rate shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n; and thereafter the immediate annually rate shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n; and thereafter the immediate annually rate shall apply for the following n; years, interest rate n; and thereafter the immediate annually rate shall apply for the following n; and n in the following n; and n in the period of n in the period of n is the following n; and n in

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Issued in Washington, D.C., on this 10th day of September 1997. David M. Strauss

Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. [FR Doc. 97-24395 Filed 9-12-97; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Chapter V

Blocked Persons, Specially Desig National Persons, Specially Designated Terrorists, Specially Designated Narcotics Traffictors, and Block Vessels: Additional Designation Removal of Two Individuals

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets ACTION: Amendment of final rule.

summany: The Treasury Department is adding to appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V the name of one entity and one individual who have been determined to act for or on behalf of, or to be owned or controlled by, the Government of Libya. In addition, two individuals previously designated as specially designated as specially designated as real-being removed from the anonendices. are being removed from the appendices. EFFECTIVE DATE: September 9, 1997. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Department of the Treasury,
Washington, DC 22201; tel.: 202/622-

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Background

Appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V contain the names of blocked persons, specially designated nationals, specially designated terrorists, and specially designated narcotics traffickers designated pursuant to the various designated pursuant to the various economic sanctions programs administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") (62 FR 34934, June 27, 1997). Pursuant to the Libyan Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 550, one Italian entity and one Italian individual are added to the appendices as persons who have been determined to act for or on behalf of, or to be owned or controlled by, the Government of Libya ("specially designated nationals")

or "SDNs"). Any property subject to the jurisdiction of the United States in which an SDN has an interest is which an SDN has an interest is blocked, and U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in any transaction or in dealing in any property in which an SDN has an interest.

in which an SDN has an interest. In addition, pursuant to the Narcotics Trafficking Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 536, and upon review of compliance with and enforcement of Executive Order 12978 of October 21. 1995. "Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions with Significant Narcotics Traffickers," the names of two individuals previously designated as specially designated narcotics traffickers ("SDNTS") are being removed from the appendices. All real and personal property of these individuals, including all accounts not otherwise subject to property of these individuals, includin all accounts not otherwise subject to blocking in which they have any interest, are unblocked; and all lawful transactions involving U.S. persons an these individuals are authorized.

these individuals are authorized. Designations of foreign persons blocked pursuant to the Order are effective upon the date of determination by the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, acting under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Treasury. Public notice of blocking is effective upon the date of filling with the Federal Register, or upon prior actual notice.

notice.

Since this regulation involves a foreign affairs function, the provisions of Executive Order 12866 and the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public participation, and delay in effective date, are inapplicable. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) does not apply. not apply.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, and under the authority of (1) 3 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321(b); 50 U.S.C.

160i-1641, 1701-1706; Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); E.O. 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); E.O. 12978, 60 FR 54579, 3 CFR, 1995 Comp., p. 415, with respect to the SDNT entries, and (2) 3 U.S.C. 301; 18 U.S.C. 232d; 22 U.S.C. 287c, 2349sa-8 and 2349sa-9; 31 U.S.C. 321 (b); 49 U.S.C. App. 1514; 50 U.S.C. 1601-1651, 1701-1706; Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); E.O. 12543, 51 FR 875, 3 CFR, 1986 Comp., p. 181; E.O. 12544, 51 FR 1235, 3 CFR, 1986 Comp., p. 183; E.O. 12801, 57 FR 14319, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 294, with respect to the Ubyan entries, appendices A and B to SDNT Libyan entries, appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V are amended as set forth below:

torth below:

1. Appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V are amended by adding the following names inserted in alphabetical order (1) in appendix A, section I, and (2) under the heading "Italy" in appendix B:

Italy in appendix B:
BORTOLOTTI PETROLI S.p.A., Via San
Desiderio, 11, 25020 Fiero, Italy:
Magazzino con Vendita Ingrosso, Via
Garibaldi, 51, 25030 Paratico, Italy;
Deposito, Via Zette, 14/A. 25087 Salo,
Italy (SIN)
GIOVANNI (ANORA, D.O.B. June 5, 1943,
Via A. Costa 17, Milan, Italy;
(individual) (SDN)

(individual)(SDN)

2. Appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V are amended by (1) removing the entries in the names "RODRIGUEZ CMORENO, Stephanie (Stethanine)" and "SANTACRUZ CASTRO, Sandra" from appendix A and (2) under the heading "Colombia" in appendix B, removing the entries in the names "RODRIGUEZ MORENO, Stephanie (Stethanine); and "Santacruz Castro, Sandra".

Dated: August 22, 1997.

Dated: August 22, 1997.

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control. Approved: August 29, 1997. James E. Johnson,

Assistant Secretary (Enforcement). [FR Doc. 97-24276 Filed 9-9-97; 4:20 pm] BILLING CODE 4816-25-P

PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

35 CFR Part 104 RIN 3207-AA40

Vessel Transit Reservation System AGENCY: Panama Canal Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document announces the final rule constituting the Panama Canal Vessel Transit Reservation System, vessel fraint Reservation System, which allows vessels to reserve transit slots in advance of arrival at the Panama Canal and be moved through the Canal on pre-assigned dates.

DATES: The effective time and date of the final rule is 12:00 Midnight (2400 hrs) (Panama time), September 30, 1997. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief of the Economic Research and Market Development Division, Panama Canal Commission, Unit 2300, APO AA 34011–2300, Telephone 011–507–272– 3586; Fax 011–507–272–1622; E-mail: pcc.epem@pananet.com

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 15, 1997, the Panama Canal Commission (PCC) published in the Federal Register (Volume 62, Number 72, Pages 18275–18277), an interim rule to test a revised 18277), an interim rule to test a revised vessel transit reservation system, which test commenced at 2:00 P.M. (1400 hrs), April 21. 1997. The 120-day test period ended on August 20, 1997. The test comment period, however, pursuant to Marine Director's Notice To Shipping Nos. N-7-97. Rev. 3 (dtd 8/8/97) and N-7-97. Rev. 4 (dtd 8/22/97), was extended to close of business, September 5, 1997.
Throughout the comment period, PCC received both formal and informal comments in writing and orally from

received both formal and informal comments, in writing and orally, from ship agents, owners and operators and maritime industry trade groups. These comments included proposals that PCC abolish the vessel transit reservation system and revert to a first come-first serve system, that PCC delay full implementation of the system for cruise line customers, complaints about various components of the test system, and suggestions and proposals to improve and facilitate implementation of the test system on a permanent basis. During the test, PCC gained valuable

buring the test. PCC gamed valuable hands-on experience with all operational aspects of the test system. The empirical, statistical and other data gathered during the test was beneficial in assessing the actual impact of the test system on a representative cross-section of Canal customers.

of Canal customers.

Specifically, the test revealed that overall utilization of the 21 reserved transit slots available for all three booking periods did not appreciably change in the second and third booking periods. The (new) first booking period was utilized principally by passenger vessels. The test also revealed that, based on current Canal capacity, 21 reserved transit slots is the maximum reserved transit slots is the maximum number that the system can accommodate, consistent with safe and efficient operation of the Canal. On the other hand, allocation of the 21 reserved transit slots among the three brooking periods is an area in which operational considerations afford PCC some flexibility. PCC, therefore, will continue to monitor and, where appropriate, may periodically change the number of

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reserved transit slots allocated among the three booking periods, as well as allocations among various vessel types. Any such changes will be announced in future Marine Director's notices to

future Marine Interiors a money of shipping. Changing the number of days that comprise each of the three booking periods, as some customers urged, would not have any foreseeable adverse impact on Canal operations. Any such impact on Canal operations. Any suc changes, however, while no doubt benefiting some customers, would negatively impact others. Balancing fairness and equity for all Canal customers, the final rule does not

customers, the Inal rule does not change the length of any of the three booking periods. Missing from the interim rule was criteria for canceling transit "condition 3", which triggers the additional booking fee whenever the total number booking fee whenever the total number of vessels awaiting transit at both termini of the Canal is projected by Canal authorities to be, within 2 days, 90 or more vessels for at least 2 consecutive days (hereafter, "premium booking fee"). Seesaw declarations and cancellations of condition 3 in response to fluctuating vessel arrivals/departures disrupted orderly operation of the system and, on occasion, resulted in hardship for some customers required to pay the premium fee. PCC, therefore, will adopt an implementation provision (to be announced in a Marine Director's notice to shipping). Stating that. notice to shipping), stating that, following invocation, Canal authorities will revoke condition 3 whenever the number of vessels awaiting transit is projected to be reduced to 80 or fewer

Concerning the premium booking fee, this feature of the test, by far, generated the most comment and criticism from Canal customers. Consideration was cantal customers. Consideration was given to eliminating or reducing the amount of the fee. After careful review and reconsideration, however, PCC reaffirms its original assessment, made on the basis of objective economic data, that payment of the current premium book hor fee to service avandificus transit booking fee to secure expeditious transit of the Canal during periods when condition 3 is in effect, affords customers who utilize this service tangible economic benefits, when compared to the high costs of transit compared to the high costs of transit delays of uncertain duration during such periods. Nevertheless, PCC is sensitive to customer complaints that the factors which cause condition 3 to be invoked are largely beyond their control. Consequently, PCC will redouble efforts to schedule maintenance, Canal improvement projects and other activities that adversely impact transit operations, to the extent practicable, so as to minimize